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DETECTION AND SUPPORT USED IN SAID METHOD

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 8, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 9, 2003, a Petition and fee for a one month Extension of Time being submitted herewith, please amend this application as follows: